

Briefing Note for Meeting with Congressman Robert J. Corbett

on the Pay Act

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The bill introduced by Mr. Udall (H. R. 8716) placed the Director of Central Intelligence in Level II of the Federal Executive Salary Schedule parallel to the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Under Secretary of State, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, the Administrator of NASA, the Administrator, Agency for International Development, and others. This ranking was the one desired by the President and the Bureau of the Budget as being appropriate to the responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence.

The bill reported out of committee, H. R. 8986, sponsored by Mr. Morrison, has the Director of Central Intelligence in Level III, ~~a~~ a level below those positions mentioned above. Mr. Udall and Mr. Morrison have informed us that this reduction to Level III was inadvertent during the redrafting of the bill before it was acted on by the committee. Mr. Morrison proposes to introduce an amendment on the Floor to restore the Director of Central Intelligence's position to Level II, or if he is made manager of the bill Mr. Arnold Olsen will offer the amendment. Both are convinced that Level II is the proper ranking and Mr. Murray, the Chairman, is also of this opinion.

[The ranking is important, not so much from the salary viewpoint as from its effect on the position of the Director in the

Government hierarchy. The President, in his letter to the Director of 16 January 1962 outlining his duties, made clear that the Director is responsible for the coordination and effective guidance of the total U. S. foreign intelligence effort and that in carrying out his task the President expects the Director to work closely with the heads of all departments and agencies having responsibilities in the foreign intelligence field.

In our opinion, if H. R. 8986 is not amended to restore the position of the Director to Level II serious damage will result to the intelligence community and to the Central Intelligence Agency and the effectiveness of future Directors will be impaired. The damage to the Agency will ~~not be felt immediately but more gradually~~ will be reflected in recruitment failures and resulting impairment in our ability to secure the services of the most competent people in senior positions in the Agency in the future.

Chairman Vinson, of the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services, and Chairman Cannon, of the House Appropriations Committee and the CIA Subcommittee thereof, have expressed themselves as being fully in accord with placing the position of the Director of Central Intelligence at Level II. The position of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence should follow immediately after the Director and should, therefore, be placed at Level III.

At present, H. R. 8986 makes no specific provision for the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence and he would, therefore, be in Level IV.

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